Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A dried pet food comprising a matrix comprising <u>a</u> <u>humectant,</u> a protein source, a carbohydrate source, insoluble fiber and having a length of at least 15 mm, a width of at least 13.5 mm, and a thickness of at least 12 mm and a density of not greater than 18 lbs/ft^3.

Claim 2 (original): The dried pet food of Claim 1 wherein the protein source comprises denatured protein.

Claim 3 (original): The dried pet food of Claim 1 wherein the carbohydrate source comprises gelatinized carbohydrate.

Claim 4 (original): The dried pet food of Claim 1 wherein the insoluble fiber comprises approximately 2% to about 15% by weight of the matrix.

Claim 5 (original): The dried pet food of Claim 1 wherein the insoluble fiber is a cellulose fiber.

Claim 6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (currently amended): A dried pet food comprising a matrix comprising <u>a</u> <u>humectant,</u> a protein source, a carbohydrate source, an insoluble fiber and comprising a density of not greater than 20.0 lbs/ft^3.

Claim 8 (original): The dried pet food of Claim 7 wherein the protein source comprises denatured protein.

Claim 9 (original): The dried pet food of Claim 7 wherein the carbohydrate source comprises gelatinized carbohydrate.

Claim 10 (original): The dried pet food of Claim 7 wherein the insoluble fiber comprises approximately 2% to about 15% by weight of the matrix.

Claim 11 (original): The dried pet food of Claim 7 wherein the insoluble fiber is a cellulose fiber.

Claim 12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (currently amended): A dried pet food comprising a matrix comprising a humectant, a protein source, a carbohydrate source, insoluble fiber, a density of not greater than 20.0 lbs/ft^3 and comprising a length of at least 15 mm, a width of at least 13.5 mm, and a thickness of at least 12 mm.

Claim 14 (original): The dried pet food of Claim 13 wherein the protein source comprises denatured protein.

Claim 15 (original): The dried pet food of Claim 13 wherein the carbohydrate source comprises gelatinized carbohydrate.

Claim 16 (original): The dried pet food of Claim 13 wherein the insoluble fiber comprises approximately 2% to about 15% by weight of the matrix.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The dried pet food of Claim 13 wherein the product does not comprise a humectant.

Claim 18 (currently amended):   A dried pet food comprising at least 25% by weight of a kibble comprising a matrix comprising <u>a humectant,</u> a protein source, a carbohydrate source, insoluble fiber, and a density of less than 20.5 lbs/ft^3.

Claim 19 (previously presented):   The dried pet food of Claim 18 wherein the matrix comprises a length of at least 15 mm, a width of at least 13.5 mm, and a thickness of at least 12 mm.

Claim 20 (currently amended):   A method of reducing calculus and plaque build-up on a pet's teeth comprising the step of administering to a pet a dried pet food comprising a matrix comprising <u>a humectant,</u> a protein source, a carbohydrate source, insoluble fiber, and comprising a density of not greater than 20.0 lbs/ft^3 wherein the pet chews the dried pet food.

Claim 21 (previously presented):   A method according to claim 20 including the step of providing the pet food as a kibble comprising a shape selected from the group consisting of a triangle, a pentagon and a star.

Claim 22 (previously presented):   A method according to claim 20 comprising mixing the dried pet food with a wet pet food.

Claim 23 (original): A method according to claim 22 wherein the ratio of wet pet food to dry pet food is at least 50:50.

Claim 24 (previously presented):   A dried pet food according to Claim 1 comprising a body in a shape chosen from the group consisting of a triangle, pentagon, and star.

Claim 25 (previously presented):   A dried pet food according to Claim 1 comprising corn gluten meal as a protein source.

5

Claim 26 (previously presented): A dried pet food according to Claim 1 comprising a moisture content of not greater than 7% by weight.

Claim 27 (previously presented): A dried pet food according to Claim 7 comprising a body in a shape chosen from the group consisting of a triangle, pentagon, and star.

Claim 28 (previously presented): A dried pet food according to Claim 7 comprising corn gluten meal as a protein source.

Claim 29 (previously presented): A dried pet food according to Claim 7 comprising a density of 18 lbs/ft^3 or less.

Claim 30 (previously presented): A dried pet food according to Claim 13 comprising a body in a shape chosen from the group consisting of a triangle, pentagon, and star.

Claim 31 (previously presented): A dried pet food according to Claim 13 comprising corn gluten meal as a protein source.

Claim 32 (previously presented): A dried pet food according to Claim 13 comprising a density of 18 lbs/ft^3 or less.

Claim 33 (previously presented): A dried pet food according to Claim 18 comprising a body in a shape chosen from the group consisting of a triangle, pentagon, and star.

Claim 34 (previously presented): A dried pet food according to Claim 18 comprising corn gluten meal as a protein source.

Claim 35 (previously presented): A dried pet food according to Claim 18 comprising a density of 18 lbs/ft^3 or less.